

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks
1420 E 6th Ave, PO Box 200701 Helena, MT 59620-0701
(406) 444-2452

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST

Fur Farm, Game Bird Farm, Zoo/Menagerie, Shooting Preserve

PART 1. PROPOSED ACTION DESCRIPTION

Project Title: Animals of Montana, Inc. Game Bird Farm

Application Date: May 18, 1998

Name, Address and Phone Number: Troy Hyde

14752 Brackett Cr. Rd.

Bozeman, MT 59716

686-4979

Project Location: same

Description of Project: Construction of cages to hold game birds.

Other groups or agencies contacted or which may have overlapping jurisdiction: None

Gullatin

PART 2. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Table 1. Potential impact on physical environment.

| Will the proposed action result in potential impacts to: | Unknown | Potentially Significant | Minor | None | Can Be Mitigated | Comments Below Or On Attached Pages |
|---|---------|-------------------------|-------|------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Unique, endangered, fragile, or limited environmental resources | | | | X | | |
| 2. Terrestrial or aquatic life and/or habitats | | | | X | | |
| 3. Introduction of new species into an area | | | X | | | |
| 4. Vegetation cover, quantity & quality | | | | X | | |
| 5. Water quality, quantity & distribution (surface or groundwater) | | | | X | | |
| 6. Existing water right or reservation | | | | X | | |
| 7. Geology & soil quality, stability & moisture | | | | X | | |
| 8. Air quality or objectional odors | | | | X | | |
| 9. Historical & archaeological sites | | | | X | | |
| 10. Demands on environmental resources of land, water, air & energy | | | | X | | |
| 11. Aesthetics | | | | X | | |

Comments

(A description of potentially significant, or unknown, impacts and potential alternatives for mitigation must be provided.)

- #3. While pheasants are found in limited numbers in the general vicinity. Turkeys and Chukar partridge would be new to the area. These birds are required to be confined in the pens so they should not be able to escape.

Table 2. Potential impacts on human environment.

| Will the proposed action result in potential impacts to: | Unknown | Potentially Significant | Minor | None | Can Be Mitigated | Comments Below Or On Attached Pages |
|--|---------|-------------------------|-------|------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Social structures and cultural diversity | | | | X | | |
| 2. Changes in existing public benefits provided by wildlife populations and/or habitat | | | | X | | |
| 3. Local and state tax base and tax revenue | | | | X | | |
| 4. Agricultural production | | | | X | | |
| 5. Human health | | | | X | | |
| 6. Quantity & distribution of community & personal income | | | | X | | |
| 7. Access to & quality of recreational activities | | | | X | | |
| 8. Locally adopted environmental plans & goals (ordinances) | | | | X | | |
| 9. Distribution & density of population and housing | | | | X | | |
| 10. Demands for government services | | | X | | | |
| 11. Industrial and/or commercial activity | | | | X | | |

Comments

(A description of potentially significant, or unknown, impacts and potential alternatives for mitigation must be provided as comments.)

#10. An occasional inspection will be required of FWP.

Does the proposed action involve potential risks or adverse effects which are uncertain but extremely harmful if they were to occur? No

Does the proposed action have impacts that are individually minor, but cumulatively significant or potentially significant? No

Description and analysis of reasonable alternatives (including the no action alternative) to the proposed action when alternatives are reasonably available and prudent to consider. Include a discussion of how the alternatives would be implemented: No action alternative: deny permit.
State law provides for the issuance of this permit to qualified applicants.

List proposed mitigative measures (stipulations) for license: None

Individuals or groups contributing to, or commenting on, this EA: None

EA prepared by: Hank Fabich

Date Completed: 6-17-98

PART 3. DECISION

Recommendation and justification concerning preparation of EIS:
There is no significant impact involved in this project. An EIS is not required.

Describe public involvement, if any: None

Recommendation for license approval:

Karl Peters
Wildlife Manager

6-22-98
Date

James Kropp
Warden Captain

6-22-98
Date